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DR. MICHAEL MORBIUS WAS A MAN WITH A MISSION. HOPING TO CURE A RARE BLOOD DISEASE HE'D HAD SINCE HE WAS A YOUNG BOY, HE AND HIS BEST FRIEND EMIL WERE TESTING A POTENTIAL ANTIDOTE IN VAMPIRE BATS—WHEN THE EXPERIMENT WENT HORRIBLY WRONG. NOT QUITE ALIVE, NOT QUITE DEAD, HE IS NOW...

MORBIUS
THE LIVING VAMPIRE

Morbius the living vampire turned fugitive, has become a hero of sorts. While hiding out in the outskirts of Manhattan in a town called Brownsville, he found a cause to believe in—defending the defenseless.

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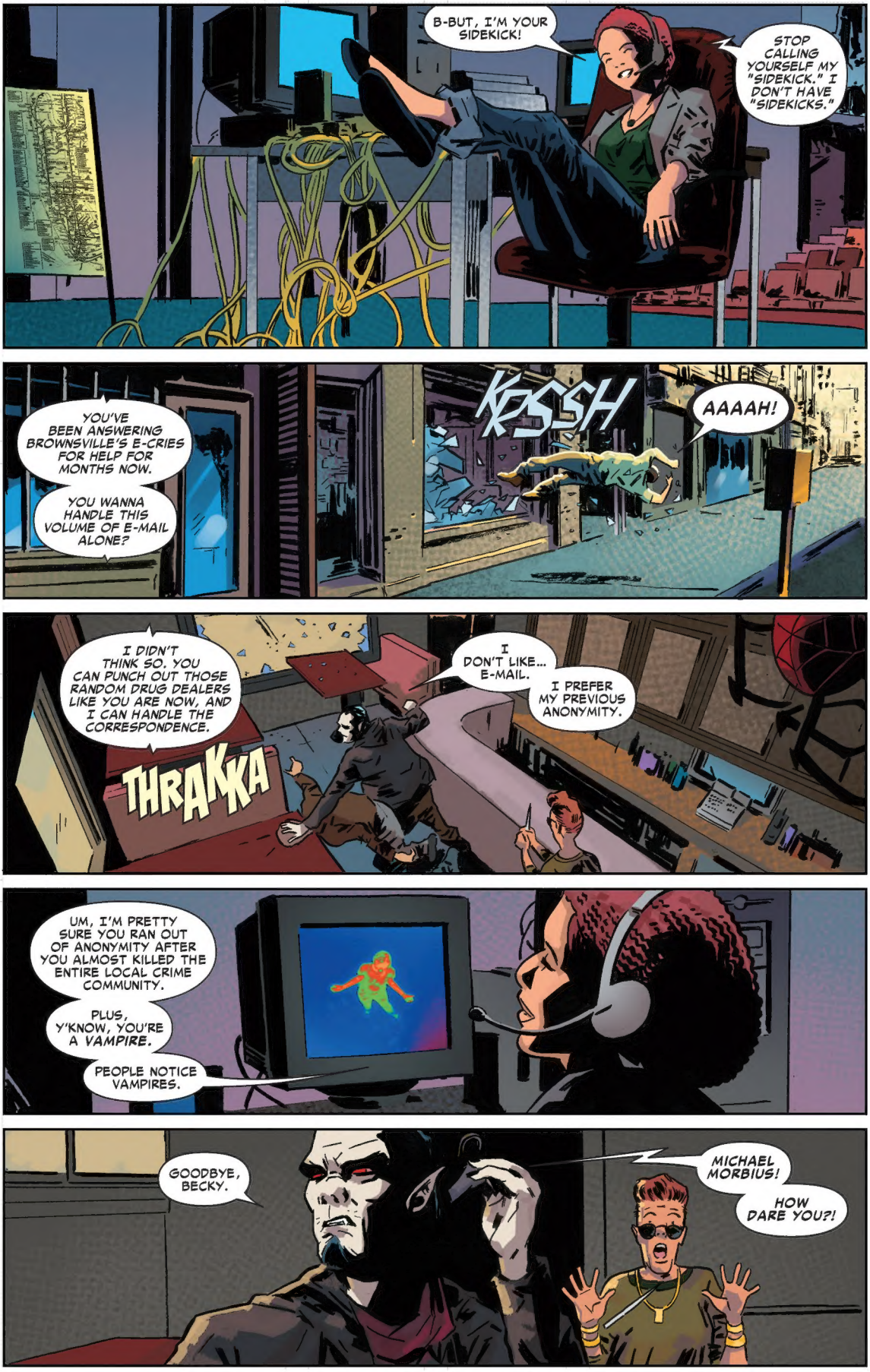
Horizon Labs, New York City.
LAST NIGHT. AFTER HOURS.
THIS IS WHAT PASSES FOR A CUTTING EDGE SCIENTIFIC BRAIN TRUST THESE DAYS?
REALLY?
EVERYTHING LOOKS SO... DATED.
IT WOULD HAVE A CERTAIN NAIVE CHARM IF IT WASN'T SO PATHETICALLY, WELL, OLD.
WHAT THE HELL?
EXCUSE ME, MA'AM--YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE.
I NEED TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.
HM. ARE YOU?
I'VE GOT ANOTHER IDEA.
KRIZZIRAT
LET'S CURE THE WORLD OF YOU.

Brownsville, New York.
THE MORNING AFTER.
MIKE, C'MON-- DON'T BE SUCH A WHINER!
IT'S GONNA HELP OUT!
NO, BECKY...
...I CAN FIGHT MORE EFFECTIVELY WITHOUT THE HEADSET.
IT'S TOO CUMBERSOME.
THRAMM


B-BUT, I'M YOUR SIDEKICK!
STOP CALLING YOURSELF MY "SIDEKICK." I DON'T HAVE "SIDEKICKS."
YOU'VE BEEN ANSWERING BROWNSVILLE'S E-CRIES FOR HELP FOR MONTHS NOW.
YOU WANNA HANDLE THIS VOLUME OF E-MAIL ALONE?
KSSH
AAAAH!
I DIDN'T THINK SO. YOU CAN PUNCH OUT THOSE RANDOM DRUG DEALERS LIKE YOU ARE NOW, AND I CAN HANDLE THE CORRESPONDENCE.
THRAKKA
I DON'T LIKE... E-MAIL.
I PREFER MY PREVIOUS ANONYMITY.
UM, I'M PRETTY SURE YOU RAN OUT OF ANONYMITY AFTER YOU ALMOST KILLED THE ENTIRE LOCAL CRIME COMMUNITY.
PLUS, Y'KNOW, YOU'RE A VAMPIRE.
PEOPLE NOTICE VAMPIRES.
GOODBYE, BECKY.
MICHAEL MORBIUS!
HOW DARE YOU?!

APOLOGIES.

KRAK

WHAT A JERK.

I HOPE HE GETS SUPER BEAT UP.

IS THAT ALL OF YOU?

I'D REALLY LIKE TO MOVE ON.

KRAK

NOT JUST YET.

I'M UP NEXT.

HELLO, MICHAEL.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

NO.

I KNEW THIS DAY WAS BOUND TO COME.

EVEN STILL--

NO, THANK YOU.

+SIGH+
PLEASE, MICHAEL, RUNNING IS UNNECESSARY.
THWIP
I'M AFRAID IT IS, SPIDER-MAN.
THRAK
I DOUBT YOU HAVE MY BEST INTERESTS IN MIND.
THERE'S A MUCH WORSE WAY THIS CAN WORK OUT.
RESISTANCE IS JUST FOOLISH.
QUITE POSSIBLY.
SLAM
STILL, I'LL GIVE RESISTANCE A TRY.

VERY WELL.
FOOM
IT'S A VISUAL NEURAL DEHABILITATOR, SPECIFIED TO YOUR SPECIAL GENETIC MAKEUP.
IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF YOUR DISTASTE FOR BRIGHT LIGHTS.
I CAME PREPARED, MICHAEL; I'VE LEARNED FROM MY PAST MISTAKES.
THWIP
HOPEFULLY, YOU'LL DO THE SAME.

MICHAEL?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
M-MAX MODELL...?
YES, MICHAEL.
IT'S ME, OLD FRIEND. WELCOME BACK TO THE LAND OF THE LIVING.
AND WELCOME BACK TO HORIZON LABS.
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE MEANS.
WOULD YOU CARE FOR A DRINK?
UM. I SUPPOSE I AM A BIT PARCHED.
I'M ASSUMING YOU'D ENJOY SOME BLOOD?
HUMAN, IF YOU HAVE IT.
THAT CAN BE ACCOMMODATED.
THANK YOU, BUT...
...JUST WHAT EXACTLY'S GOING ON HERE?
WHY WOULD SPIDER-MAN BRING ME TO HORIZON?

FIRST, LET'S BE CLEAR, I DIDN'T APPROVE OF HIM SHANGHAIING YOU HERE.
I WAS HOPING THIS COULD BE DONE AMICABLY.
BUT, YES; WE NEEDED SOMEONE WHO COULD LOCATE AND OBTAIN YOU. HE WAS ABLE, IN THAT REGARD.
HORIZON
IT WASN'T AMICABLE. NOT AT ALL.
THIS IS ONE OF THE LAST PLACES I CARE TO BE.
EVEN WITH YOUR CURE?
IT'S GONE.
THE LIZARD CLAIMED TO HAVE USED WHAT WAS LEFT.*
WELL, HE WAS MOSTLY RIGHT.
*IN AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #689. GO READ IT!
HOW DO YOU MEAN?
THE FORMULA'S GONE, YES, BUT ENOUGH OF THE BUILDING BLOCKS WERE LEFT BEHIND FOR US TO POSSIBLY GENERATE MORE.
BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF WORK. AND AN AWFUL LOT OF RESOURCES.
SHLURP
HOWEVER, THAT'S SOMETHING I'M WILLING TO DO. SOMETHING I THINK I SHOULD DO ANYWAY, BUT SPIDER-MAN THINKS YOU WON'T HELP US IF WE HELP YOU.

WHAT COULD I POSSIBLY HAVE THAT YOU'D WANT?
LET'S GET THIS OFF OF YOU.
THERE WAS A BREAK-IN AT HORIZON LAST NIGHT.
AN ODD ONE, AT THAT. THEY SOMEHOW MANAGED TO BREAK PAST ALL OUR SECURITY WITH GREAT EASE.
BY ALL APPEARANCES, IT SEEMS LIKE THEY COULD HAVE MADE OFF WITH ANYTHING WE HAVE AND, AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT HERE THAT'S ABSOLUTELY PRICELESS.
YET THEY SKIPPED IT ALL. THEY WENT STRAIGHT FOR *YOUR* INVENTORY, WHICH WE STILL HAVEN'T COMPLETELY CATALOGUED.
WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING JUST WHAT IT WAS THAT WAS WORTH SO MUCH TO THEM.
WE NEED YOU TO INVESTIGATE-- TO DETERMINE WHAT'S ABSENT.
I'M MUCH TOO OCCUPIED TO PURSUE SUCH *PETTY* THIEVERY, DESPITE HOW MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE I WOULD BE.
HOWEVER, I WILL ASSIST IN EXAMINING THE CRIME SCENE. MY TOOLS WOULD LIKELY RESULT IN IDENTIFYING THOSE RESPONSIBLE.
SO, I DETERMINE WHAT'S MISSING, WHO TOOK IT, AND BRING THEM IN, AND YOU-- WHAT?
ATTEMPT TO CURE ME? WITH A CURE THAT WILL LIKELY FAIL?

PRECISELY.
OF COURSE, IF YOU REFUSE, I'M CERTAIN THE AUTHORITIES WILL--
SPIDER-MAN, PLEASE!
I CAN'T SAY I APPROVE OF SPIDER-MAN'S METHODOLOGY IN CONVINCING YOU TO COLLABORATE WITH US, BUT YES, IF YOU HELP US, I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HELP YOU AGAIN.
HORIZON
WHAT DO YOU SAY, MICHAEL?
WILL YOU HELP US?
WHERE DO WE BEGIN?

THIS IS A LOT.
I MAY BE HERE A WHILE.
CONSIDER IT A TESTAMENT TO YOUR TIRELESS PURSUIT OF CREATING A CURE TO ASSIST THE GREATER GOOD.
EXCEPT FOR WHEN HE EXHUMED THE DEAD CONNORS BOY.*
*BACK WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO FIND A CURE IN AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #689! --SANA, THE MORE-OR-LESS LIVING HUMAN
...RIGHT.
I CAN'T SAY I APPRECIATE THE EXTRA SPIDER-BOTS. THEY'RE DISTURBING THE CRIME SCENE.
THEY'RE EQUIPPED TO PROPERLY ANALYZE THE CRIME SCENE AND PROCESS THE DATA IN WAYS YOU FOOLS COULD NEVER HOPE TO.
YES, WELL--
DO YOU REALLY NEED THIS MANY? SEVEN SEEMS EXCESSIVE.
ODD.
I ONLY CALLED IN THREE.

KRAKKA-THROOM
OH, DEAR!
LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE ELSE CALLED IN THEM ALL.
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD CALL OFF YOUR--UM, SPIDER-MAN?
M-MY SPIDER-SENSE... FEELS LIKE IT'S ON FIRE...
...OVERLOADED...
WELL, ON THE PLUS SIDE...
...I CAN'T SAY I DON'T APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DESTROY ANYTHING CREATED BY YOU.

I UNDERSTAND THE APPEAL.

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH.

I WILL BREAK YOU.

AREN'T YOU AN AVENGER? YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF.

SO EASY TO MANIPULATE. JUST TOOK FIGURING OUT THE RIGHT FREQUENCY.

B-BREAK... YOU...

AND, YOU. THE VAMPIRE.

WITH YOU, IT'S ALMOST A JOKE.

MY CLIENT THOUGHT YOU'D BE A CHALLENGE, SO THIS MUST BE PAINFULLY EMBARRASSING FOR YOU.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

HE DID HAVE THE IDEA ABOUT ME COMING BACK HERE, TO SHOW YOU JUST HOW MUCH WE CAN BREAK YOU WITHOUT A THOUGHT.

KRAK

TO SHOW YOU HOW FUTILE PURSUING US WOULD BE.

WE DON'T FEAR YOU. HELL, WE DON'T EVEN CONSIDER YOU.

YOU'VE BEEN AGED OUT.

THRAM

I'M YOUR NEXT GENERATION--A SUPER-SCIENTIST, CAPABLE OF SO MUCH MORE THAN ANYTHING YOU COULD EVER CONCEIVE, ALL FOR THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

I GOTTA SAY, THIS IS OUR BEST GIG YET.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU GET TO BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF SPIDER-MAN?

MY POINT'S THIS: YOU GUYS WILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S COMING.

P-PLEASE... WHATEVER YOU NEED... JUST DON'T HURT ANYONE ELSE HERE...I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT...

MAX, NO!

THE ALWAYS RASH...ALWAYS *STUPID* MICHAEL MORBIUS.
YOU'RE GOING TO EMBARRASS YOURSELF, OLD MAN.
YOU DON'T THINK I'M READY FOR YOU?
YOU DON'T THINK I DIDN'T RESEARCH EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU? YOUR EVERY WEAKNESS?
THRAGG
I COULD END YOU IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
IT WOULD BE NOTHING TO ME.
THROOM
BUT SCREWING WITH YOU IS SO MUCH MORE SATISFYING.
AND THANKFULLY, IT PAYS THE BILLS.

HOW UNFORTUNATE.
I WAS ACTUALLY HOPING ONE OF YOU GUYS WOULD BE A CHALLENGE.
MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE ON THE HULK NEXT.
I BET HE'D MAKE ME AT LEAST A LITTLE WINDED.
THIS ISN'T OVER.
OH, BUT IT IS.
TRUST ME.
KRAKKA

WHY... WHY DO ALL THIS...?
WHATEVER THE CLIENT WANTS.
AND HE WANTED YOU GUYS EXTRA HUMILIATED.
I--
KRAK
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.
WISH YOU GET BACK AT ME? FANTASTIC. BRING IT.
JUST ASK FOR "NIKOLETA HARROW."
BE SEEING YOU.

YOU KNOW, I THOUGHT YOU'D APPRECIATE BEATING UP SPIDER-MAN.
Williamsburg, Brooklyn.
A LITTLE LATER.
I WAS MORE IMPRESSED BY MAX MODELL.
WE SEEM LIKE KINDRED SPIRITS, YOU AND I.
I WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR, MR. ROSE.
I DON'T TRUST ANYONE OLDER THAN TWENTY-FIVE.
Funds transfer COMPLETE
OK
VERY WELL.
DID YOU GET WHAT I REQUIRED?
I JUST NEED TO HIT UP A.I.M. AND WE'LL HAVE EVERY COMPONENT WE NEED TO BUILD THIS THING.
AND YOU'RE POSITIVE IT'LL HAVE THE RESULT I DESIRE?
YOU ASKED FOR SOMETHING EXPLOSIVE.
AND I MEAN, REALLY? EXPLODING'S ONE THING...

ULTIMATE NULLIFYING'S ANOTHER.
To Be Continued...

MORBIUS #7

ON SALE

MORE COMICS YOU CAN SINK YOUR TEETH INTO!

CAPTAIN MARVEL #13 OUT NOW!

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